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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: GN, UK, US
SUBJECT: US-UK DISCUSSIONS ON GILBERT ISLANDS

1. FCO DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY CORTAZZI TOLD DCM JUNE 6 THAT FCO IS ANXIOUS TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON US CLAIMS IN THE GILBERT ISLANDS. HE RECALLED THAT, WHEN HOLBROOKE WAS IN LONDON, THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSION OF RENUNCIATION BY THE US OF ITS CLAIMS IN RETURN FOR USE OF CANTON, ENDERBURY AND HULL.

2. CORTAZZI SAID HE UNDERSTANDS FROM THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT THE US POSITION PAPER IS STILL NOT IN FINAL FORM FOR THE NEGOTATIONS.

WHILE THE FCO UNDERSTANDS THE REASONS FOR THIS, PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR TUVALU TO BECOME INDEPENDENT OCTOBER 1 AND THE FCO WANTS TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE OF THE CLAIMS IN THE GILBERT ISLANDS BEFORE TUVALU INDEPENDENCE.

3. URGING THAT NEGOTIATIONS OPEN SOONEST, CORTAZZI ASKED THAT WE PROVIDE HIM WITH AN ESTIMATED DATE WHEN TALKS CAN BEGIN.

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